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Applicant : Carlyle et al.
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on December
17, 1999, please enter the following amendment and consider the
following remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 18-27. Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Amended) A prosthesis comprising a substrate and a
polypeptide growth factor associated with the substrate by
chemical binding, the polypeptide growth factor being effective to
stimulate association of viable cells with the substrate.

REMARKS

Claims 1-17 remain for consideration. Claims 18-27
have been canceled without prejudice in view of a restriction
requirement. Applicants note with appreciation that claim 14
has been found free of prior art.